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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

4 April 1952

SUBJECT: MP-88

1 April 1952

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Colonel Clabaugh of D/A advised me that Mr. Willis Armstrong had requested, at a recent committee meeting, that he be given any material we had available on the Soviet position in rubber for use in connection with negotiations [REDACTED] which were to take place in a few days. He had in hand a working paper prepared by the Chemical Branch of D/M for Project 110-51. Because of the urgency of the matter and the fact that the paper had not yet been processed through D/R, I suggested that there be placed on it a cover sheet indicating the fact that it was a working paper and providing a warning to the recipient to that effect. I agreed to provide such a cover sheet and this was delivered to D/A the following day. In the meantime, I contacted [REDACTED], Chief, D/M, and he advised me he had no objection to the release of the paper to Mr. Armstrong for the purpose indicated.

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I advised Colonel Clabaugh that he should get D/Z clearance and a Front Office o. k. before releasing the paper to Mr. Armstrong. It was my judgment that the matter of transmittal should be handled informally through Colonel Clabaugh's committee channels. He agreed to take care of the necessary clearances.

3 April 1952

Colonel Clabaugh brought in a working paper on the same subject which was a revision of the document referred to above and advised me that Mr. Armstrong was leaving for Europe that night and delivery was, therefore, a matter of urgency. I suggested that we see [REDACTED] Acting DAD, which we proceeded to do. [REDACTED] approved release of the paper to Mr. Armstrong with the suggestion that for the record we give it a number and file a copy in D/R. He also suggested that we make note of the fact that the paper was released without usual D/R review. The paper was given number MP-88 and Colonel Clabaugh indicated that he would provide D/R with a file copy.

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